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Title: METHODS AND KITS FOR OBTAINING AND ANALYZING SKIN  
SAMPLES FOR THE DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS (As Amended)

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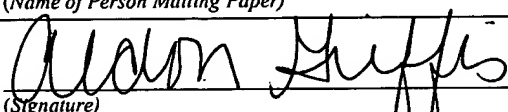
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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) to extend the period for taking further action of this application based on the Notice of Appeal filed November 13, 2001.

The requested extension is for Four (4) Months, extending the period for response from January 13, 2002 to May 13, 2002.

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Enclosed is Check No. 508992 in the amount of \$1,090.00; which consists of \$370.00 for the filing fee and \$720.00 for the Four (4) Months Extension of Time fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees associated with the filing submitted herewith, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1355. A copy of this Petition Sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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